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Community Spotlight

What do you like about living in Pahokee?



Stewart Hutton - "I was born and raised here and I know most of the people here. I have moved away several times but always seem to come back to Pahokee."

News Briefs

Applications for Black Gold events available at the chamber

Applications for many of the activities planned for the April 20 Black Gold Jubilee are available at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce on South Main Street. Tennis applications, forms for entry in the Children's Fishing Contest, the Jubilee parade, the WIFE Cookie Bake-off, the Little Mr. and Miss Black Gold, information on the Harvest Queen contest and more are available. Stop by the Chamber to pick up applications.

Musical planned at First Baptist Church

Members of First Baptist Church, Belle Glade and other area churches will present a musical worship event on Saturday and Sunday, April 6-7 at the First Baptist Church in Belle Glade at 7 p.m. There will be music, a Praise Team, individual testimonies, narration and the processional of Praise Banners. The community is invited to attend.

Special Easter Egg hunt for seniors

Glades residents sixty years and older are invited to a special Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 5, at the West County Senior Citizens Center. This is just one of the many activities held monthly at the center. Director Effie McNair said they also offer weekly movies, monthly trips to the mall, and trips to Lion Country Safari. The center is located at 2916 State Road 15, near the county courthouse. For more information, call Ms. McNair at 996-4808.

Citizens Banquet set for March 30

Mu Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority invites the public to attend their Fourth Annual Glades Area Citizens Award Banquet. The banquet will be held Saturday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the National Guard Armory on South Main Street, Belle Glade. Tickets may be purchased from any sorority member for \$20.

Hospital administrators to unveil plan to consolidate

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

A plan will be unveiled tonight to consolidate Glades General and Pahokee's Hospitals.

Everglades Regional Medical Center Administrator Don Anderson and Glades General Hospital Administrator Michael Layfield have jointly signed a statement that will be read at the Tri-Cities meeting March 28 at Belle Glade City Hall. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m.

In the statement, the two men say they have come up with a consolidation plan that will "eliminate the need for taxpayer supported special subsidies from the Palm Beach County Health Care Special Taxing District at both hospitals."

Mr. Anderson said the plan has not been presented to the two hospital boards yet, but he has been meeting with Mr. Layfield to set the groundwork for the possibility of consolidation.

"Why not keep both hospitals open and consolidate duplication of services?" said Mr. Anderson. "If we eliminate duplication of services we can use the cash savings to offer more services," he said.

Under the plan, both hospitals will be administered by a single board comprised of four residents from Pahokee and four from Belle Glade. The agreement stipulates that all current litigation involving the hospitals among themselves and the Palm Beach County Health Care Special Taxing District will be ended. Human resources and physical plant facilities at both locations will be fully utilized, thereby protecting essential local jobs in the area and eliminating the need for costly capital improvements; and, both hospitals will become private, not-for-profit.

Currently, Pahokee's hospital is a private, not-for-profit facility. Glades General is a

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Residents urged to take precautions against car burglaries

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

A rash of car burglaries the past few weeks has prompted Belle Glade police to step up surveillance in some areas of town.

Chief of Police Michael Miller said the increased incidence of car burglaries is not unusual for this time of year, he did give tips on how to avoid being a car burglar next victim.

Several cars in the northeast and southeast sections of town have been targeted by thieves. Chief Miller said there were 15 burglaries in a three day period in the northeast section two weeks ago.

The criminals are breaking car windows and stealing car phones, stereo equipment and other items left on the seats. In some cases, thieves are using a common house hold battery to shatter the windows and gain fast access.

"We have identified potential suspects," said Chief Miller, "and we have beefed up patrols. Residents need to understand that auto burglary is a nationwide crime which is becoming epidemic."

Officers are patrolling neighbor-

hoods in golf carts, on bicycles and residents should see police cars more often in their neighborhoods.

"We want to assure the community that we're doing everything possible," said Chief Miller, but he added there are ways residents can help. They include:

- Take a close look at your entire residence. Cut back shrubbery which may be a hiding place for thieves.
 - Park your automobile close to the house.
 - Consider installing sensor lights and investing in anti-theft devices.
 - Deterrent types include alarms, ignition kill switches, collars, steering column bars, boots, etc. Also consider locks for radio, tape decks, batteries and gas tanks.
 - Encourage your neighbors to be alert to suspicious activity.
 - Report any suspicious activity in your neighborhood.
 - Never leave valuables in sight on the seats.
- "There is no absolute fool-proof way to prevent crime, but there are crimes of opportunity," said Chief Miller.



Working to beautify the City of Pahokee's sidewalks... with new paperbricks are (from left to right) Contractors Bruce Miller and Donald Davis, and workers Tony Abreu and Roy Bohannon. See story on page 7...

Sugar farmers challenge \$900 million tax as punitive, unnecessary and unconstitutional

"Today is a sad day for all Floridians as a group of environmental extremists try to use the Constitution to punish sugar farmers by taxing them to the point of extinction, and to use the money to seize their lands," said Robert H. Buker Jr., senior vice president of U.S. Sugar Corporation.

"U.S. Sugar is employee-owned. Our jobs and our retirement depend on sugar farming. This is a tax of \$4,600 per year on each employee of U.S. Sugar," he said.

Buker was reacting to news that an environmental group announced it is beginning a drive to collect signatures to place on the November ballot a measure which would tax Florida sugar farmers a penny for each pound of new sugar produced. The group has hired a signature gathering firm to get the signatures.

"This devastating tax is unprecedented in that it is being suggested as a constitutional amendment instead of being heard in the legislature where all other taxes are debated. It is punitive because the environmental extremists want sugar farmers

gone from Florida; it is unnecessary because there already is a plan to restore the Everglades in place and it is working. It is unnecessary because sugar farmers already are paying \$320 million in taxes to restore the Everglades. It is unconstitutional because it singles out and blames one group of farmers, to the exclusion of everyone else regardless of fault," Buker said.

Sugar farmers say the tax would put 40,000 people out of work and make them non-competitive with sugar farmers in the rest of the country.

"Florida sugar farmers have for the past two years been paying on a \$320 million commitment mandated by the Florida Legislature to clean all of their water going south to the Everglades," said Buker.

We are spending additional millions to clean phosphorus (a fertilizer residue) from water on our farms - an effort, by the way that has been far more successful than anticipated. At this time, the water leaving our farms has been cleaned by 31 percent and the

water entering the Everglades National Park now meets the state standards," he added.

"This tax is being proposed on sugar farmers alone," Buker said. "No other farmer who grows crops other than sugar, no city which dumps phosphorus-laden sewage effluent into canals, no development or golf course whose runoff is far worse than sugar cane, or any other individual or group is affected by this tax proposal."

Sugar farmers first reached agreement with government agencies and environmental groups in 1990. At that time, a proposal called for farmers to pay \$40 million of a \$120 million Everglades restoration plan. That plan lasted about 36 hours," Buker said. "Environmentalists said 'it's not enough.'"

This month, both houses of Congress passed legislation which would add an additional \$300 million for Everglades restoration to all the other monies which were planned. "Environmentalists are saying again, today, 'It's not enough,'" Buker said.

Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay get landscaping money from Flo-Sun

The Okeelanta and Osceola Power Limited Partnership of Flo-Sun, Inc. presented Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay mayors with \$288,000 for landscape projects in their cities at the Belle Glade Chamber breakfast March 17.

The result of creative private-public problem solving, the landscape funds were provided by the soon-to-open Okeelanta and Osceola renewable energy plants located in Pahokee and South Bay. The civic landscape projects were proposed as an alternative way to meet the plants' zoning requirements for landscaping.

Don Schaberg, Construction Manager of the Osceola Power Limited Partnership presented the check to the mayors. "It's a pleasure to provide the Glades cities with these funds," said Schaberg. "We're glad the dollars will

be used in a way that benefits all residents of the Glades cities."

Dennis Spore, General Manager of the Okeelanta Power Limited Partnership said large projects such as the renewable energy plants are required by the county to landscape their grounds. Since the plants already are surrounded by cane fields and existing vegetation, it made sense to meet the requirement with off-site landscaping, creating a win-win situation.

The environmentally advanced co-generation plants are being developed by a partnership of Flo-Sun Inc. and U.S. Generating Corporation. They turn leftover sugar cane fiber and urban waste into steam power to run the sugar refining refinery operations, and provide Florida Power and Light with clean, cost-efficient surplus energy to power the equivalent of 80,000 homes.



Grab that check... Flo-Sun and U.S. Generating Corporation gave the three cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay a total of \$288,000 for landscaping. Shown, from left are Belle Glade's City manager Lonnax Horrell, Belle Glade Mayor Steve Winkler, Don Schaberg, Construction Manager of the Osceola Power Limited Partnership, Dennis Spore, General Manager, Pahokee's City Manager Ken Schenck and South Bay's City Manager Lester Baird.

Patience is a virtue when predicting the weather

By Mike Lyons

"Patience is a virtue, Mr. Lyons." That was a phrase I heard often as a youngster at St. Augustine's Elementary School in Columbus, Ohio. At least once a day, sometimes more often, one of my teachers would pass on that advice to me.

It usually followed some act of anarchy (talking too much) involving a co-conspirator (my best friend in second grade) and me during one of our classes.

"Patience is a virtue, Mr. Lyons," my instructor would remind me.

My teachers would be happy to learn that I am now a very patient man thanks, in a large part, to my job. Patience is a virtue is an expression that often applies to our weather in Florida. I've learned that if we are patient Mother Nature often does what we want her to do.

Our drier than normal dry season is a good example. January and February were positively arid-less than half an inch of rain fell in some areas. Brush fires were popping up all over the state driving people from their homes and shutting down major highways.

We were thirsty. We needed a good cloudburst. Then, the calendar turned to March, and the heavens opened up. Patience is a



virtue.

I knew our March showers were coming because of satellites and radar's and sophisticated computers but some folks knew it was going to rain simply by listening. They heard the showers coming. They heard the rain on the Weather Wires.

The Weather Wires are telephone or electrical lines that some people claim can predict the weather. Any electrical or telephone wire can be a Weather Wire if the right person is around to hear them vibrate. The theory behind the Weather Wire is simple: the wires pick up the storm's vibrations hours before the storm arrives on the scene.

Veteran Weather Wire experts have even assembled a list of guidelines to forecast the weather. If the wires produce a light humming it means that the weather will be damp. A deep humming noise sug-

gests that light rains are expected to follow, and if the Weather Wires produce a high, shrill note it means brief periods of heavy rains are just around the corner.

Yet, the Weather Wires do more than foretell a coming rainstorm - it can also predict tomorrow's temperatures. A person with keen hearing and a good sense of direction may be able to guess changes in temperature based on the way the Weather Wires make their noise.

If the wires are humming from a Northerly direction it is supposed to mean that the temperature will rise soon. A humming from the South indicates the mercury will drop.

Does it work? As crazy as it sounds, researchers do look at the phenomenon. Several experiments showed that the sound from the Weather Wires is actually coming from a strong gust of wind-not some storm supposedly several miles away.

Still, a gust of wind and a darkening sky are signs that a storm is brewing. But, until I see a meteorologist standing near a telephone wire with a hand cupped to his ear, Weather Wires will just be another interesting element of weather folklore.

Mike Lyons is the weatherman for WPTV, Channel 25.

—Carl Jung

Healthfirst

By Paula Swaford, R.N.



crease, lungs, liver and intestines...factors that can be taken to help others include the eyes, skin, bone, heart valves and tendons.

As a member of the medical community for over twenty-five years, I have had to "bring up" the subject of organ donation to grieving families many times. This is never easy to do, but is required by law. Shock and disbelief cloud the mind during this painful time, and that is why it is so important to discuss your wishes with your families ahead of time, so there will be no question regarding the final decision.

In 1994 the total number of donors in South Florida numbered 123, with the average donor age 21-30 and 41-50 comprising the most donations. 56 donors resulted from trauma (accidents) and 67 resulted from non-trauma. If you or your family would like more information call toll-free 1-800-834-6737 to the University of Miami Organ Procurement Organization. Remember there is comfort in knowing that the end of one life can be followed by the extension of another. Donor families find solace in recognizing that their decision following their loss has helped to extend the life of someone else. The most precious gift that you can give someone is the gift of life itself.

Organ donation neither disfigures the body nor changes the way it looks in a casket. The actual organ and tissue recovery takes place only after all efforts to save your life have been exhausted and death has been legally declared. The doctors working to save your life are entirely separate from the medical team that would be involved in recovering your organs and tissues. The organs most frequently donated include the heart, kidneys, pan-

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Dracula is coming... Dracula will appear tonight, Thursday, March 28 and Friday, March 29 at Glades Central Theatre at 8:14 p.m. The classic play is being presented by the Glades Central Theater Troupe to earn money to attend state competition in April and to celebrate the opening of the theater. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the box office or by contacting Sarah Bennett or a cast or crew member. Cast members are Brian Edgcomb, Dave Morris, Lindsay Bennett, Lonette Bolden, Lloren Dowdell, Cesar Ponce, Johnny Terry, and Gina England.



Planning for the District 10 meeting... Members of the Belle Glades Garden Club met Saturday morning to continue plans for the District 10 meeting which they will be hosting April 30. The event will begin with a meeting at City Hall in the morning and lunch at the Belle Glades Marina. Programs will be given by Pat Wickman of the Seminole Indian Tribe who will speak on the Seminole Indian culture and by Tim Brown, educational specialist with the Treasure Coast Wildlife Hospital. Seated around the table above are (L-R) Lurline Brooks, Linda Steele, Katherine Scheffler and Esther Kappes.



Residents invited to enter photography contest

The beauty of a sunset over Lake Okechobee; the graceful flight of a Snowy Egret; workers harvesting lettuce on the rich, muck soil. These are just a few of the pictures residents could see as camera buffs proudly display their craft during the upcoming Black Gold Jubilee Photography Contest.

Contest organizer Dianne Carter is inviting all photographers to participate in the contest which will be part of the April 20 festivities at the 18th Annual Black Gold Jubilee. Deadline to enter is April 12 and the entry guidelines are available at the City of Belle Glade or at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce. The categories include landscape/Still Life; Character (Person or Person); and Nature (Animals/Birds). The

photos must have been taken in the calendar years of 1995 or 1996 and within 50 miles of Lake Okechobee.

For more information, contact Mrs. Carter at 996-0100.

Inaugural meeting

The Glades Area Education Committee will hold its Get Acquainted meeting on Thursday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 122 at Palm Beach Community College, Glades Campus.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Mary Dupont, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction of the Palm Beach County School Board. The 23 Stakeholder Committee of the Glades area residents is developing a foundation for the educational success of students in Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay.

All are invited to this inaugural meeting of the Glades Area Education Committee.

CTBS Test Day

Pioneer Park Elementary parents and students are invited to participate in the CTBS Test Day on Thursday, March 28 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the

school

Parents are urged to please join their child to help make a difference on the April test. For further information, call Edna Stephens at 993-4480. Preparation is being offered daily for the test in the Parent Center at the school.

Citizens Award Banquet
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Walk/Run applications available at Chamber

Put on your walking shoes and get ready for the Black Gold Walk/Run scheduled for the morning of the Jubilee; April 20. Registration begins at 6:45 a.m. and the race begins at 7:30 a.m. sharp.

Applications are available at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce and pre-registra-

tion is \$8 for those participants 15 to adult or \$5 for students through age 14. Those who wait to register on race day will pay an extra \$2. T-shirts will be given to the first 75 entrants.

For more information, call the chamber at 996-2745.

Harvest Queen

advance tickets available
Tickets for the Harvest Queen Pageant are available at Barnett Bank Belle Glade for \$10 each.

The pageant will be held April 19 and the event is co-sponsored by the Palm Beach Community College, Glades Campus and the Belle Glade Lions Club.

Would South Bay residents like their own festival?

City Commissioner Miranda Smith wants to know if South Bay residents would like to have their own yearly festival. She is inviting city residents and city staff to attend a meeting on Wednesday, April 3 at Tanner Park at 7 p.m. to discuss the possibility of having an annual event.

For more information, contact her at home, 996-6470, or at 996-4933, extension 4717.

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public hospital.

Benefits listed in letter include:

- Approximately \$1.3 million in savings by ending duplication of obstetric and pediatric services.
- Operating both hospitals as a single not-for-profit corporation means an additional \$600,000 in earnings from present Medicare services delivered because the new entity will be a sole community provider.
- Development of a 10-12 bed immunology unit exclusively at one facility offers a profit focused alternative use.
- Sub acute skilled nursing beds at one facility creates another focused alternative use.
- Exclusive additional services at one facility includes broadened nephrology, ear, nose and throat, and urology centers. These new specialities enhance the new entity's ability to compete for out-migration business.
- Hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees will be saved as the result of this voluntary administratively inspired consolidation.

The letter goes on to say: "The successful implementation of this consolidation and the forecast for its fiscal impact make it essential for it to be adopted by all concerned with Glades health care. Our preliminary study indicates the combination of increased efficiencies, increased competitive position, and savings due to ending duplication of services amount to from \$6 million to \$8 million annually. Obviously, this is more than necessary to offset losses and eliminate the need for special subsidy."

Some \$1.6 million in tax revenue is collected from the additional taxpayers in the Glades by the Palm Beach County Health Care Special Taxing District. Since our consolidation plan eliminates the need for subsidy to be paid to the two hospitals, it is our hope that the district allocates at least that amount for consideration of the extraordinarily high amount of indigent care in the Glades.

The administrators say that through consolidation, superior hospital care, and new specialties, local residents won't have to travel to the coast for hospital care.

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Forget the paving, do something about the standing water

I see where they're paving a lot of streets over in the northwest section of town. What we need over there is not street paving. We need it fixed where all this water is sitting behind these houses when it rains. As much taxes as we pay over there we need something done about all the water back there.

Forget about paving the streets and do some-

thing about this water in the northeast section of town.

GCDC has many events planned

By Virginia Martin
Economic Development Specialist
Glades Community
Development Corporation

Many new and exciting things are going to be happening in the Glades over the next several years, and *The Sun* newspaper has generously agreed to give us this column to help keep you informed about upcoming events and activities.

First, I am the Economic Development Specialist with the Glades Community Development Corporation (GCDC). This is an organization structured and designed to "enable people in the Glades to design and implement sustainable solutions to their problems and to mobilize financial, human, and political resources, both within and outside the Glades, to support these efforts."

This project and process actually began five years ago, and each of you has contributed to this current flurry of activities by participating in the surveys, attending the various forums and summits that have been held throughout the Glades during that time. All of these activities have led us to the point where you will begin to see the benefits of all the work.

Last October, the residents of our communities began a journey called GLADES 2020, A Vision For The Future. Through the efforts of Dr. Helen Franke, two National Teleconferences, "Exploring America's Communities," and "Your Future in the Changing Workplace," were held at Palm Beach County Community College's Glades Campus. GCDC then brought the community together to explore ideas and possibilities in the November "Rural Initiatives Conference." At that conference, approximately 275 people from the Glades communities helped establish priorities in the areas of agriculture, enterprise development, tourism, and work force preparation. The results of that conference will be published in April.

Through the priorities established at that conference, with the help of many people, we are on the verge of starting a small business



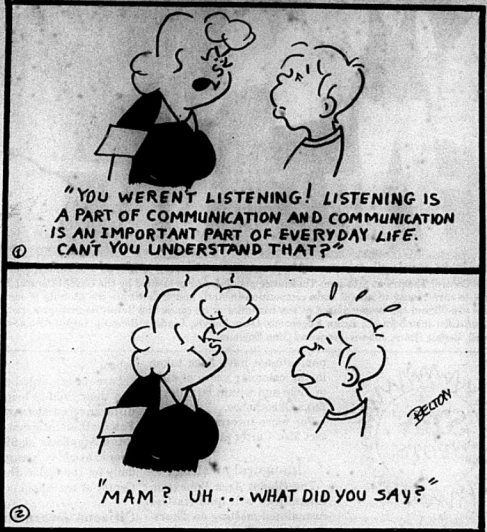
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incubator project in the Glades, setting up a craft guild to help start home based businesses (cottage industry), establishing a loan fund for starting and expanding businesses in the Glades, and we're getting ready to develop a long range strategic plan for development of the Glades communities. All of these items are on the agenda for 1996.

On Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30 outside Old City Hall in Belle Glade, we will get a brief overview of a CITIZEN PLANNER SERIES. Everyone is invited to see how we, as citizens of the Glades, can help bring about changes in our communities. We'll have slides, and pictures, hear about the Community Design Charrette, listen to you and other citizens, and have some refreshments. The series of classes that will follow is designed to teach average citizens how we can help our communities grow in healthy, sustainable ways, along with how we can work together to make change happen in our communities. This will be a series of 5 or 6 evening sessions, and we will need about 30-40 Glades residents to volunteer to go through this training. This series is being conducted by Miami-Dade Community College, and is funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation through the Conservation Fund. The training is free, and will help build the capacity of our citizens to plan development in the Glades.

On Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4, the City of Belle Glade will hold its Community Design Charrette at Glades Central Community High School in the cafeteria. This event is being convened by the City of Belle Glade, the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, and GCDC. Every citizen, young and old, is welcome to attend either or both of these events to have a voice in the design process. We want the citizens of Belle Glade to create a real picture of what they want Belle Glade to look like in the future. We are working to have a performance of the play "Grits, Greens, and Salsa" after the

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Explore the Wide World of Grains

From the American Institute for Cancer Research

Remember when breakfast cereal ads touted the health benefits of fiber in whole grains? Health experts still advise eating more fiber for lower cancer risk - but most Americans seem to have stopped with breakfast, because surveys show we still don't get enough fiber from grains for good health.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture tells us we should eat 6 to 11 servings of grain products per day. Research studies show that a high-fiber diet can help lower our cancer risk, according to the American Institute for Cancer Research. But if six servings sounds like more than you can eat, take another look: one serving is only a half-cup of rice, for example, or one slice of bread. And with the great variety of grains now available in most supermarkets, eating plenty need never be boring.

Choosing whole wheat versions of breads, spaghetti, pretzels and pancakes is a good start to getting more whole grains and fiber in your diet. A slice of whole-wheat bread has about three times the amount of fiber than white bread ("cheat" bread is often only flavored to taste and look like whole-wheat bread; make sure whole-wheat flour or whole-grain flour is listed first in the ingredients) Rye and pumpernickel breads have about three times more fiber than white bread.

Here is a guide to some of the more unusual and nutritious grains that can make healthy eating delicious and interesting.

Bulgur, a whole-grain form of wheat, provides four grams of fiber, three grams of protein, 17 grams of carbohydrate, plus iron, thiamine and niacin in each cooked half-cup serving. Tabouleh, a Middle Eastern salad of tomatoes, cucumber, parsley and bulgur tossed with olive oil, lemon juice and garlic, is probably bulgur's best known form in the U.S. However, it is delicious served hot as an alternative to rice or potatoes, and cooks quickly.

Brown rice contains three times more fiber and vitamin E and three times more magnesium than white rice because the bran layer is not removed. It's delicious cooked in low-fat broth instead of water, and its nutty taste gives it a heartiness and makes it a good accompaniment to strong flavors like curry, red wine sauces, and vinaigrette salad dressings.

Buckwheat (also known as kasha) is actually a grass, but it looks cooks and tastes like a grain. Groats, the pale kernels in the buckwheat shells, are used most often as flour in pancakes, biscuits and muffins. However, groats make a fine breakfast cereal and are a good substitute for rice or pasta. Add one cup of groats to two cups boiling water or broth, then cover, reduce heat, and simmer about 15 minutes or until the liquid is absorbed. Kasha is made from roasted and hulled buckwheat kernels and has a light brown color and toasty flavor.

Barley is available in whole-grain form as pot (Scottish) barley. Refined pearl barley is white and translucent with its husk removed, while whole-grain pot barley provides more fiber because of the outer layer of the husk is removed. You can get quick-cooking barley to avoid soaking the regular kind overnight before cooking. Barley's chewy texture is delicious in pilafs, stir-fries or stuffing, and can be used to flavor and thicken soups and stews.

Many other types of grains can live up your menu, including couscous, quinoa, wild rice, and whole-wheat pasta. Using whole-wheat flour as a substitute for all or part of regular white flour also adds fiber and nutrients to your baked goods. It's also easy to add a spoonful or two of sweet and crunchy wheat germ to cereal, baked vegetable dishes, fruit deserts and yogurt.

To order a copy of the free AICR brochure "The Facts About Fiber," send a stamped, self-addressed #10 or business-size envelope to the American Institute for Cancer Research, Dept. FI, Washington, DC 20069.

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Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc. is asking for your help in locating Gerardo DeJesus. He is wanted on failure to appear on charges of false imprisonment, battery and domestic battery.

DeJesus is a white male, 5'9" tall and weighs 180 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. His Social Security number is 584-89-2678 and his last known address was 3902 Lakewood Road, Lake Worth. His birth date is listed as October 31, 1970. His last occupation is unknown. His warrant was active as of March 11, 1996.

If you know the whereabouts of Gerardo DeJesus, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers, 1-800-458-8477.

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A lifetime membership...The Belle Glade Woman's Club and the Pahokee Women's Club joined forces to honor Miriam Dulany last week. Mrs. Dulany, who has been a member of the Belle Glade Woman's Club for 66 years, was presented a plaque and lifetime membership in the club. Shown seated is Mrs. Dulany. Standing, from left, are Pahokee Women's Club Past President Clark Hull Wilkinson and Belle Glade Woman's Club President Virginia Anderson.

Pahokee Police Department Arrest Blotter

The Pahokee Police Department made several arrests the week of March 17-23.

Many of these listed were just cited for having open containers of alcohol. City Commissioners have asked the police department to crack down on those drinking alcohol in public. Those arrested or ticketed included:

March 17 - Arturo Ruiz, 24, Pahokee, open container violation.

March 18 - Anthony Eaddy, 3 Pahokee, domestic battery, juvenile, 17, Pahokee, strong armed robbery, grand theft, aggravated battery.

March 19 - Anthony Lendale, 27, Pahokee, domestic battery; Camille Torres, 33, Pahokee, open container; Jerry Lunford, Belle Glade,

open container; Ingrid Johnson, 34, Pahokee, open container; Cedrick A. Harden, 19, Pahokee, dealing in stolen property, 11 counts, carrying a concealed firearm on school property, 11 counts of theft, and warrant issued for violation of probation; Keo Green, 20, Pahokee, dealing in stolen property, 11 counts; Sintorous Wright, 19, Pahokee, dealing in stolen property.

March 20 - Johnnie Jackson, 21, Pahokee, domestic battery, battery on a police officer and resisting arrest; Juvenile, 16, Pahokee, carrying a concealed weapon; Doris Henderson, 36, Pahokee, open container; Juvenile, 14, Pahokee, court pickup order for failure to appear in court for charges of burglary.

March 21 - Isaac Nelson, 37,

Pahokee, open container, warrant for failure to appear in court for the charge of possession of marijuana; Efrén Crawford, 25, South Bay, warrant for failure to comply with a court order; Christopher Wilson, 21, Pahokee, strong armed robbery, grand theft, aggravated battery; Tyrone Graddick, 26, Pahokee, strong armed robbery, grand theft, aggravated battery; Mattie Forman, 53, Pahokee, domestic battery.

March 22 - Robert Simpson, 28, Pahokee, burglary of a school.

March 23 - James Copeland, 41, Pahokee, domestic battery; R.C. Coats, 57, Pahokee, open container violation; Ernest Kelsey, 51, Pahokee, open container; Joseph Holmes, Pahokee, open container.

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Friday evening event, so bring the family. This is a play about the cultural heritage of the Glades. It's free, and it should be a great evening out for the entire family.

Beginning May 31, another series called "VISION TO ACTION" will take place. This process will continue to build on everything that has come before, and will help Glades residents

Glades Ford is listed top in nation

Glades Ford Lincoln Mercury of Belle Glade is among the top Ford Credit Dealers nationally to be honored with the prestigious "Ford Credit Partners in Quality Award" for 1995.

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develop a long range strategic plan for the development of the Glades communities. The 35-40 residents who will participate in this program will be asked to make a serious commitment of time and energy to the completion of this plan, and to the citizens of the Glades.

If you need more information, or want to attend, give Debra a call at 992-9500.

man questionnaire completed by customers. Glades Ford Lincoln Mercury was one of 80 dealers recognized at the program's national ceremony held recently in Laguna Niguel, California. Ford Credit President Edsel B. Ford II officiated. He praised Glades Ford Lincoln Mercury for its outstanding efforts in customer satisfaction.

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Chamber Member of the Month...The award for Belle Glade Chamber Member of the Month for March went to Karen Pierson. Mrs. Pierson was presented the award by Lee Mikell and Chamber Executive Director Leigh Woodham at the Chamber Breakfast last week.

Take Pride in Lake Okeechobee is Saturday

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Operations Office, announces the 10th Anniversary of the Take Pride in Lake Okeechobee Environmental Awareness Day. The event will take place at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Operations Office, 525 Ridgeway Road, Clewiston, on Saturday, March 30, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The event will begin with registration from 8 to 8:30 a.m. Morning activities include litter pick up at Clewiston City Park, Belle Glade, Pahokee, Moore Haven, Indian Prairie Canal, and Okeechobee; tree

planting around the lake, refurbishment of the tree nursery, construction of bird houses and feeders, Osprey platform construction, and a hike along the Florida National Scenic Trail to view an eagle's nest. All volunteers will be able to enjoy a free lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the South Florida Operations Office and Pahokee City Park.

Additional entertainment will include guest speakers and exhibits. Tim Williams from Gatorland, Orlando will display several specimens of poisonous and non-poisonous snakes and an alligator. The

Fun Van will be on hand with games and prizes for the children. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Brown from the Florida Division of Forestry will display a mock fire watch tower and a ranger station. The Seminole Indians Cultural Education Center will have a craft demonstration and an artifact display. Troy Hoard will bring birds common to this area from the Southwest Florida Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation Center.

There is no admission fee. For more information contact Park Ranger Tambour Eller at 941-983-8101.

Belle Glade Police Department Arrest Blotter March 18-24

The Belle Glade Police Department investigated 719 complaints the week of March 18-24 and handled 33 crime scenes. Those arrested included:

March 18 - Barbara Brown, aggravated assault, stalking; Juvenile, 15, burglary, grand theft; James Whitaker, Jr., 46, two counts of violation of probation; Joseph Fortune, 36, carrying a concealed weapon.

March 19 - Jean St. Ulysses, 19, simple battery; Sorel Dimanche, 20, simple battery; Charles T. Gibbons, 35, simple domestic battery; Daniel Gustave, 43, opposing and obstructing.

March 20 - Samuel Wilkerson, 35, disorderly intoxication.

March 21 - Roberto A. Sanchez, 48, driving while license suspended; Steven Maunell, 25, warrant issued for obtaining property with a worthless check; Roy Lee Miles, 37, contempt of court warrant.

March 22 - Tolbert Beckford, 44, aggravated domestic battery; Bertha Williams, 22, felony retail theft; Albert Miller, 42, retail theft; Juvenile, 14, domestic battery.

March 23 - Wilson Philemon, 19, warrant issued for improper driver's license; Juvenile, 17, simple domestic battery; Francisco Hernandez, 29, affray; Juvenile, 17, aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest with violence; Carol Lee, 24, burglary, possession of narcotics paraphernalia; Jorge Guzman, 30, failure to appear warrant; Mythlette Griffin, 26, possession of narcotic paraphernalia, possession of cocaine; Mary J. Kelly, 34, possession of narcotic paraphernalia; Norma Dukes, 29, retail theft; Rosalyn Gibson, 29, violation of probation warrant; Refugio Lopez, 58,

resisting arrest without violence and disorderly intoxication; Kevin D. Lewis, 30, burglary of an occupied dwelling, throwing a deadly missile, battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest without violence.

March 24 - Marcus Allen Patton, 27, domestic battery on a pregnant female, criminal mischief; Joe Rodney McGee, 29, felony retail theft; David B. Milton, 34, aggravated domestic assault, domestic battery; Robert E. Smith, 29, domestic battery.

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Children being accepted into head start program

Lutheran Ministries of Florida, PEPPi Head Start, is accepting children for their 3 and 4-year-old program.

All children are welcome including children with disabilities and there are no fees.

The center is located at 200 S.W. 9th Street, Belle Glade. For more information, call PEPPi Head Start Center at 996-1718.

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Congratulations to Palm Beach County's Headstart and Children Services HIPPY program Parents & Children of the Week

Deborah Edwards resides in Pahokee and volunteers at the Palm Beach County Headstart program there. Ms. Edwards' four-year-old daughter Laquashia Graham is enrolled in the HIPPY program. Ms. Edwards states Laquashia enjoys working on her daily HIPPY activities. She says her family is involved with Laquashia's HIPPY activities daily and HIPPY is a fun learning tool. It's an honor and privilege to have my daughter enrolled in an educational program such as HIPPY.

"I'm a proud HIPPY parent," said Ms. Edwards.

Debbie Martin resides in Belle Glade and is employed at Glades General Hospital. Ms. Martin's four-year-old daughter Richelle Allen is enrolled in the HIPPY program. Ms. Martin states she enjoys working with her daughter on her daily HIPPY activities and it has enhanced Richelle's learning skills and bonded them closer together. Richelle gets excited when it's time for her HIPPY activities. Ms. Martin said, "I'm a proud HIPPY parent."

Monique Miller resides in Belle Glade. Ms. Miller's four-year-old son Richard Allen is enrolled in the HIPPY program.



Richard Allen

Ms. Miller states that when it's time for Richard's HIPPY activities, no one can disturb or stop him from doing HIPPY. She also states she enjoys the program because her son is learning skills he will need when entering kindergarten and it has bonded them closer together.

"I'm a proud HIPPY parent," said Ms. Miller.

Beverly Phillips resides in Pahokee. Ms. Phillips' four-year-old god-son Tommy Gilbert is enrolled in the HIPPY program. Ms. Phillips states her god-son really enjoys working on his HIPPY activities daily. She also states she's excited to have him enrolled in such an education-

al program as HIPPY.

"We should have had this program a long time ago. I'm a proud HIPPY god-mother," said Ms. Phillips.

Rose Whitfield resides in Pahokee and is employed with Palm Beach County Headstart in Belle Glade. Ms. Whitfield's four-year-old son Eathon Whitfield is enrolled in the HIPPY program. Eathon enjoys working on his HIPPY activities daily. Ms. Whitfield states this program has given her an opportunity to teach her son skills that he will need when entering kindergarten.

"I'm thankful for the HIPPY program and I'm a proud HIPPY parent," said Ms. Whitfield.

Latonya Hickman resides in Pahokee. Ms. Hickman's four-year-old daughter Ty'nesha Hickman is enrolled in the HIPPY program. Ms. Hickman states Ty'nesha enjoys doing her HIPPY activities. She loves when her mother reads the stories from the following books: Sometimes Big, Sometimes Small and Goodbye Berry. This makes her have to do logical thinking.

Ms. Hickman also states the program has helped her and her daughter bond closer to each other.



Latonya Hickman

Carla Kendell resides in Belle Glade and is employed with the Palm Beach County School Board. Ms. Kendell's four-year-old son Carl Kendell is enrolled in the HIPPY program. Ms. Kendell states she enjoys working with Carl on his HIPPY activities. Carl states, "I can't wait to do my HIPPY homework." Carl loves it when his mother reads a story to him from his HIPPY books so he can imitate his mother reading after she has finished reading the story to him.

Ms. Kendell said, "I'm very proud of my son. I'm a proud HIPPY mom."



Wanda Mervin

Wanda Mervin resides in Pahokee. Ms. Mervin's four-year-old son Aaron Gary is enrolled in the HIPPY program. Aaron enjoys doing his HIPPY activities and asks for more work when he is finished with his packet for the week. His favorite words are, "I can't wait to get some more HIPPY work from Mrs. Beck Ford." Ms. Mervin states the program has helped her and her son in many ways such as educationally, with bonding and also in interacting with other children.

"It's a great program. I'm a proud HIPPY parent," said Ms. Mervin.



Gloria Brown



Anthony Lendale

Gloria Brown resides in Pahokee and is employed with Palm Beach County Headstart program in Pahokee. Ms. Brown's four-year-old grandson Anthony Lendale is enrolled in the HIPPY program. Ms. Brown states Anthony can't wait to work on his HIPPY activities daily. His favorite words are, "It's time to do my HIPPY work." Ms. Brown said the program has really helped her grandson learn skills he will need when entering kindergarten.

"I'm proud to be a HIPPY grandmother," said Ms. Brown.

Rosenwald Elementary HIPPY father, selected as Parent Participation Winner for January

Rosenwald Elementary HIPPY father, Jerome King, was selected as the parent participation winner for January. Mr. King has been dedi-

cated to the HIPPY program since its inception three years ago. Mr. King's son Jerome, Jr., graduated from the program last year, and his son,

Leonard will be graduating this June.

Mr. King's parent educator, Mary Johnson, had this to say about Mr. King, "This is my third year working with Mr. King. He has had two children in the program and has worked with them consistently. He makes sure their packets are completed when I visit their home. Mr. King receives much encouragement from his mother and sisters. He has always been committed to the HIPPY program."

Mrs. Moore, coordinator, had this to say, "Mr. King has displayed exemplary dedication to the HIPPY program of South Bay. He truly is a model HIPPY parent. I will encourage Mr. King, as with other HIPPY parents whose children will be graduating, to continue attending monthly HIPPY meetings and become volunteers for our program. ONCE A HIPPY PARENT, ALWAYS A HIPPY PARENT."

Congratulations Mr. King,

you are to be commended for the great job you have done with your sons in HIPPY.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorrie Moore,
Coordinator
HIPPY - South Bay

Head Start and Children Services begin recruitment April 1

The Division of Head Start and Children Services of Palm Beach County (South Bay, Palm Glen, and Pahokee Centers) will begin recruitment April 1, 1996 for three (3) and four (4) year-old children for the program.

Headstart and Children Services also accepts children with disabilities. There is no fee and transportation will be provided.

The centers are located at:
• 625 Martin Luther King Blvd., South Bay, FL
Contact persons include:
Bridgette Pierce / Sylvia Carter

• 850 Palm Glen Drive
Belle Glade, FL
Contact person:
Tammy Kyle
• 330 E. 5th Street
Pahokee, FL
Contact person:
Yera Hobson
Thank you in advance.



Working with the children... Pictured above a Palm Beach County Head Start and Children Services worker is counting with some of the children enrolled in the program.

City of Pahokee's paperbrick project is in full swing; sidewalks will be completed in April

By Buffie Chapman

Pahokee's sidewalk project is an effort to beautify the downtown area.

The City of Pahokee started their paper brick sidewalk project around the beginning of February and will complete the project around the end of April.

City employees in charge of "Special Projects" are doing the work that consists of rebuilding the concrete sidewalks and leaving a half-inch space, when glue will be added to hold the paper bricks in place, and then the paper bricks will be laid on top of the glue which will leave the bricks flush with the edge of the concrete.

"It has been a learning curve

and there have been a couple of delays but it has been going along very well," said Pahokee City Manager Ken Schenck.

The City of Pahokee received a \$90,000 grant from DOT (Department of Transportation) and a \$50,000 grant from the Solid Waste Authority.

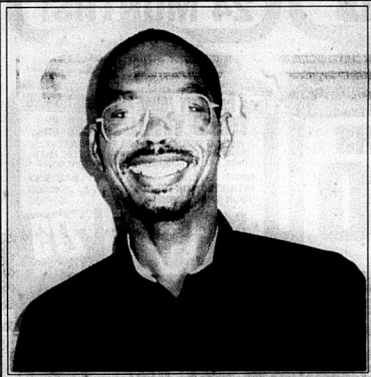
"These grants should cover the cost based on what we have seen so far but we hadn't realized what it would cost to get an exact cost. It has taken more man hours and more expense than we had originally thought so I went back to DOT to try to get more money. They gave an addition-

al \$40,000," said Schenck.

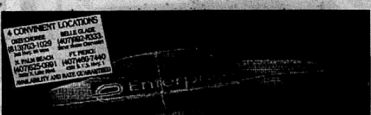
"The paper bricks themselves were approximately \$40,000. We have gone in and redone all of the sidewalks where the bricks will be laid," added Schenck.

The paper bricks will be laid in a block section of Bacom Point Road South Lake and North Lake, in front of the First Community Bank and Western Auto, in front of J's, Leo's Pizza and around the corner in front of the Chamber of Commerce if there is enough material and funds left.

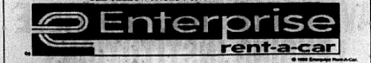
"We are pleased with the way the project is going and we have had a lot of compliments from the community," concluded Schenck.



Jerome King, HIPPY Parent Participation Winner for January.



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Fishing with B.A.S.S. Pro. Walt Reynolds

When I went to the lake one day this past week, I found a chicken had been blown into a coke bottle in the yard. Now that takes some real wind and if you were on the lake Tuesday or Wed., then you know what I mean.

The wind really got the water dirty, especially the south end of the lake. We did have some real good catches on a J&J spinner-bait even though it was blowing so hard. Fishfishing Bay has about the only good water along with the Monkey Box area. There is still a lot of big fish shallow that have not spawned yet. When the wind lets up they will eat a plastic

worm or lizard quite well.

Steve Daniel placed 20th in the Mega Bucks tournament at Dallas, Texas, last week. Roland Martin and Chet Dou-thet fished, finishing 100th and 103rd respectively. Steve Daniel and myself fished the FLW Tour on Santee Cooper this week. It was very cold (in the teens) and we neither one placed real well. We will be fishing on Lake Seminole this week.

You may notice that some weeks I do not have any current fishing updates. This is because when I am out of town I can't always verify what the fish are doing.

To all a good bite,
Walt Reynolds
B.A.S.S. Touring Pro.



Walt Reynolds

GFC looks to new regulations to restore Bass fishing

• The Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC) is determined to return Florida to the days when big bass were abundant and anglers had a chance to catch that once-in-a-lifetime trophy-sized bass.

So intent is the GFC, that at a March meeting in Tallahassee, it approved new bass fishing regulations on several major lakes aimed at restoring them to their once world-famous reputation.

Beginning July 1, new bass fishing regulations will take effect on Lake Okeechobee, lakes Orange and Lochloosa near Gainesville, Lake Jackson near Tallahassee, seven Ocala National Forest lakes, Farm 13/Stick Marsh including the S.N. Knight Tract in Indian River County, the Eustis Muck Farm and Walker Ranch in Lake County and the south Florida area, except for Lake Okeechobee.

On Lake Okeechobee, a 13- to 18-inch protective slot limit will take effect. It will require anglers to release all bass between 13 and 18 inches long. Anglers will be allowed to keep five bass per day outside the "slot", with only one fish over 22 inches long.

For Orange and Lochloosa lakes, there will be a 15- to 24-inch slot limit for bass and a three-fish daily bag limit.

In addition, Lake Jackson will go to a 15- to 19-inch slot limit replacing the current 13- to 17-

inch slot limit.

GFC Fisheries Director Dr. Jerry Shireman said the intent of the new regulations is to restore the lakes' bass fisheries to the prominence they reached 50 years ago.

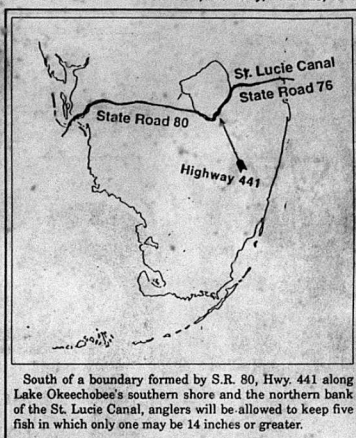
"We're trying to restore the fish populations in these lakes to levels attained in the 1940s when there were plenty of 16-, 17-, and 18-inch bass," Shireman said. "By comparing data from the 1940s and 1980s on lakes throughout the state, it has become obvious that these larger fish are much less abundant."

Shireman attributes the decline of big bass to several factors such as habitat loss, long periods of stabilized water levels, intense fishing pressure, high-tech fishing equipment and anglers who target larger fish.

Other regulations include catch-and-release on seven Ocala National Forest lakes. Anglers will have to immediately release, unharmed, all bass in Crooked, Wildcat, Grasshopper, Lou and Echo lakes and Quarry Fish pond and Hopkins Prairie.

The once famed national forest lakes produced some of the best bass fishing in the state and the nation in the 1960s and 1970s when fishing pressure was low. But, after having been discovered these small lakes now are nearly void of any big bass.

Catch-and-release also will be applied to two impoundments in



South of a boundary formed by S.R. 80, Hwy. 441 along Lake Okeechobee's southern shore and the northern bank of the St. Lucie Canal, anglers will be allowed to keep five fish in which only one may be 14 inches or greater.

Lake County: the Eustis Muck Farm and the Walker Ranch.

A new regulation will affect bass anglers in most of south Florida, except for Lake Okeechobee. South of a boundary formed by S.R. 80, Hwy. 441 along Lake Okeechobee's southern shore and the northern bank of the St. Lucie Canal, anglers will be allowed to keep five fish in which only one may be 14 inches or greater.

In addition, the GFC decided to relax regulations on the popular trophy-bass lake Farm 13/Stick Marsh including the S.N. Knight Tract. By modifying the total catch-and-release regulation, the GFC will allow anglers to take one bass per day over 24 inches long.

These new regulations are fine-tuning what we started in 1992, when we went for a liberal 10-fish daily bag limit with no size limits on bass to a more restrictive five-fish daily bag with minimum size limits."

Shireman said.

If the new regulations work out as expected, Shireman said, the same type of aggressive management may be tried on other lakes.

Shireman said recent heavy rainfall across the state has resulted in the highest lake levels in a decade. This high water and the effect of the new regulations have the potential to produce outstanding fishing.

Bass tournaments will be exempt from new size regulations (not bag limits) provided anglers release all fish unharmed immediately after the weigh-in, handle fish in accordance with GFC's guidelines and report fish taken during the tournament to the GFC. Exemptions will not be granted to tournaments held on lakes Jackson, Okeechobee, Orange and Lochloosa from July through September because of high bass mortality due to stress from handling in hot weather.

Military News:

Goforth

Army Spec. Gregory A. Goforth has arrived for duty at Camp Long, South Korea.

Goforth, a radio operator/team chief, is the son of George C. and Janise Goforth of 2248 E. Canal Street, Belle Glade.

His wife, Nerina, is the daughter of Herlinda Bermudez of 224 N.E. First Street, Belle Glade.

He is a 1985 graduate of Glades Central Community High School.

Tandy Technology Scholars announces 1996 prize recipients, all of Glades Central High

This is the seventh year that the Tandy Technology Scholars program has made awards to teachers and graduating seniors at American high schools. Currently 16,094 public and private secondary schools have been certified to participate in the awards program.

That is almost 77 percent of all secondary schools in the United States. The states with the highest percentage of certified schools are Arizona, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Texas and Wyoming.

This academic top two percent of graduating seniors are eligible to receive certificates recognizing their academic achievements. There are no cash awards in this category. This year the Tandy Technology Scholars program will honor 26,809 meritorious seniors. State with the largest percentage of schools participating are Florida, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Texas. Those with the greatest percentage increase since 1995 in schools nominating their academic top two percent are Minnesota, Montana, New York, South Dakota and Utah.

Each school may nominate a senior who is outstanding in mathematics, science or computer science. These students receive a certificate recognizing them as a Tandy Technology Scholar. In addition, they are eligible to compete for the one hundred \$1,000 scholarships awarded annually. This year, one-half of all schools in the country participated in this area of the program.

hundred \$2500 cash awards presented annually.

States with the most teacher nominees are California, Florida, Georgia, New York and Texas. Those with the greatest percentage increase in the number of teachers nominated are Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Washington and Wyoming. The 100 teacher Tandy Prize recipients who will receive cash awards represent schools in 37 states.

"Even as students are judged by their citizenship as well as their academic achievements, American businesses may be judged by their corporate citizenship as well as their financial successes," said Tandy Corporation Chairman and CEO John V. Roach. "That is why we are proud to announce the 1996 prize recipients for the Tandy Technology Scholars program."

Each year, Tandy Corporation and RadioShack seek out and reward 200 of the brightest, most industrious minds in America's classrooms. A total of \$350,000 in awards and scholarships is presented to teachers and students who have achieved excellence in the areas of science, computer science and mathematics. One hundred teachers receive \$2,500 each and 100 students receive cash scholarships of \$1,000 each.

"As a corporate citizen, we believe it is our responsibility to contribute to a stronger, smarter future for our nation and our children," said Roach. Now in its seventh year, Tandy Technology Scholars has awarded \$2.5 million and 211,000 certificates of academic excellence.

democratic excellence.

Nearly 77 percent of all secondary schools in the United States are enrolled in this prestigious education initiative. Funded by Tandy Corporation and administered by Texas Christian University, the program is open to accredited high schools across the nation. Tandy prize recipients were selected by a panel of educators and approved by the National Advisory Council.

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Outstanding Math/Science/Computer Science Student School Nominee went to Glades Central High School's Shawnte M. Napier, who received a certificate.

The Top 2% Academic Nominees, all of Glades Central Community High School, were: Zarnisha L. Brown, Dahlia S. Forde, Stacey A. Hutchinson, and Shawnte M. Napier, who all received certificates.



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Government Day...Members of Leadership Glades enjoyed Government Day last Wednesday. They toured Belle Glade City Hall and learned about the various services offered by the city. Elizabeth Hernandez with the Palm Beach County Health Care District and Robert Stubblefield with the University of Florida talk with Firefighters Jeff Brann, Lt. Devon Edwards and Tim Clark outside city hall.



With a clip of the ribbon...PANDA House, a residential center for women who are pregnant and addicted or who have small children and are recovering from drug addictions, opened last week in Belle Glade.

PANDA House opens with ribbon cutting ceremony

A new residential center for drug addicted women opened in Belle Glade last week at a new location.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held for the 27-bed PANDA center at 816 N.W. Ave. D, Belle Glade.

PANDA, which stands for pregnant and addicted, is a live-in treatment center operated by the West County Mental Health Clinic.

Executive Director Joseph Amato said a fundraiser Feb. 23 helped raise \$51,000 for inside furnishings and the HRS Health and Human Services gave \$213,000 toward the building. Another \$200,000 came from the Palm Beach County Housing and Community Development.

The residential program offers 90 to 120 day treatment for women in need of on-going treatment and education in a supportive and structured living environment. While in the PANDA program, women learn about their chemical depen-

dency, relapse prevention, and nutrition for themselves and their babies. They are offered adult education and vocational counseling, HIV education, testing and counseling and parenting skills.

They are provided legal and financial education and access to community services as well as housing assistance.

PANDA clients are accompanied to court appearances by an Intervention Specialist/Court Liaison professional, who acts as their advocate, if needed. Before clients are admitted to the PANDA program, those who need it are required to receive detoxification/medical screening services at the Crisis Stabilization Unit of Western Palm Beach County Mental Health Clinic.

Funding for PANDA is provided by the State of Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, the Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners and tax deductible donations.

Families Forum Committee to update community on progress

The Families Forum Follow-Up Committee is planning eight focus groups throughout the community to define and prioritize the issues that were raised at the first and second Families Forum.

The focus groups will take place through April and May at various sites in the community. Creole and Spanish language facilitators will be available at each session.

Over 250 participants attended each of the two forums and identified dozens of problems areas such as the need for affordable housing, health care, public safety, education, and family support. Some of the accomplishments that have already taken place include the placement of changing tables in the restrooms at the Health Department, the installation of street lights in high risk areas, and major repairs to an HRS building.

The focus groups will help the Follow-Up Committee define and prioritize additional issues that were raised at the Families Forum.

Florida Atlantic University will also share the results of focus groups they have held concerning health care needs in the Glades with the Families Forum committee.

In May, the list of concerns identified at the Families Forums, through the focus groups, and from the FAU study will be presented to the appropriate community agency. The agency will be asked to respond with a plan for addressing the concern by July 1. The agencies progress will be monitored through August and September, and the information shared with Families Forum and focus session participants as well as the general public.

The Focus Group meetings will all be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on the following dates at these locations:

April 9 - Glades Central Community High School

April 18 - Rosenwald Elementary School

April 22 - Pahokee High School

April 29 - School of Choice

May 2 - K.E. Cunningham - Canal Point Elementary School

May 6 - Belle Glade Elementary

May 14 - Glades Day School

May 15 - Gove Elementary School

Geologists baffled by recent sporadic eruptions of Old Faithful.

YELLOWSTONE - Old Faithful, the world's most famous geyser, isn't faithful anymore, it seems.

In the turn of the century, Old Faithful was highly dependable in hourly eruptions, to the minute. In the past 25 years, the huge geyser has been timed at anywhere from 67 to 77 minutes.

"It's embarrassing for us," commented D.B. Sweeney. "I've been here for 25 years and suddenly, we have to tell people to wait. Believe it or not, some geologists have speculated that the syndrome is brought about by the geyser."

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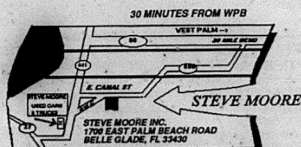


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Glades Day School's Gator Tales

The month of March is nearly over and Glades Day's faculty and students can breathe a sigh of relief as they take the first week of April off for the long awaited Spring Break. While some plan to head for the beach for fun in the sun, others head for the Rocky Mountains for snow skiing, and some are planning to visit the Land of Mickey Mouse. And then there's those who just plan to hang around the house and get some well deserved rest!

We had some big winners in this past weekend's Spring Fling activities. Congratulations are in order for the foursome of Gary Bowermeister, Ralph Kirk, Lee Cranford

and Bubba Jones, who won the 7th Annual Scramble Golf Tournament after a 1-hole playoff over the team of Tommy Dodgen, Gene Dodgen, Jimmy Carner and Bill Cox.

GDS would like to congratulate Kyle Denton and Jennifer Omega, the new Little Mr. & Miss for Glades Day School. Kyle and Jennifer were among approximately 30 boys and girls competing for the title at the pageant held last Friday, March 22, in Tripp Hall. First runner-up went to Jacob Carter and Corri Burch.

Tripp Hall took on the look of a 50's dance joint, as adults over 18 took part in the Sock Hop dance. Over 100

adults donned their jeans, with T-shirts and socks to twist the night away to the sounds of the 50's and 60's. Congratulations are in order for Paulette and Adam Mouton, who won the dance contest!

A lot of familiar faces from the past were seen at Sunday's annual alumni baseball game as the men came to play ball and the women and families came to watch. The "even" edged the "odd" years 8-7 in a close battle. Afterwards, many stayed to watch the drawings that closed out the day.

Congratulations go to John Hundley, who was the winner of the drawing for the choice



Glades Day Gators

of a Sea Doo or Honda TRX 300. Lamar Groves won the Mossburg Model 9200 Shotgun and Lake Harbor resident Nancy Mikovsky held the winning ticket for the Log Cabin Quilt.

GDS would like to thank everyone for their support in making this year's Spring Fling a great success. All proceeds went towards the general fund.



"Living Last Supper" ... will be performed April 4, 7:30 p.m., at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

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Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center hosts the "Living Last Supper"

Canal Point United Methodist Church invites the Glades Community to come, and experience, the "Living Last Supper," to be held Thursday, April 4, 7:30 p.m., at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center, in Belle Glade.

There is no admission cost. You will be blessed, as you witness the portrayal of the emotion charged moment during the last supper, when Jesus told his disciples that one of them would betray Him. It is an evening you will long remember, as you share in the disci-

ples' story. We have seen local men, such as Steve Weeks, Brian Lohmann, Robert Maxwell, Joe Spangler, Bill Blackwell, Chuck Blackburn, Buddy Lampi, Dennis Wagner, and Rod Ruby, growing beards for this night of nights.

We realize again, the dedication and commitment of these men in their portrayal of those who followed Jesus.

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Lenten series: "This is my Story" concludes with Michael Wycuff in concert March 31

The Canal Point United Methodist Church family invites the Glades community to come and hear MICHAEL WYCUFF in concert, on Sunday evening, March 31, at 7:30 p.m.

After nearly nine years as a

lay pastor, and worship leader, in two South Florida churches, Michael has founded Power and Praise Ministries.

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